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Mr. Paul Spor, President
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Dear Mr. Spor:

This letter is in response to your letter, dated August 21, 2002, which informed this office of your intention to remove old stockpiled tailings containing fluorspar from the Cougar Spar and Utah/JB mine sites. I appreciate you taking the time to inquire regarding this activity in advance of the removals. My land status information indicates that only the JB mine site and tailings stockpile is located on BLM managed land, so I will only address this site.

I share Mr. Munson's opinion that the removal of these tailings will not require any specific permitting under the applicable State or Federal mining regulations. It would be appropriate, once the tailings have been removed, to scarify and seed the footprint of the stockpile areas. You indicate in your letter that you would be willing to undertake this task.

As you are aware, the JB mine site has been active intermittently over the preceding two years, under a small mine permit (BLM case file UTU-78612, UDOGM small mine permit S/001/054). Under this permit, Breccia Development, as operator, has performed exploratory trenching and has mined, crushed and screened, and shipped a limited amount of fluorspar vein material. It is my understanding that this operator has also removed the bulk of the fine tailings from the JB mine site. My main concern is that both you and Breccia Development be aware that the exploration and mining work that has been conducted under the JB mine permit will require some reclamation effort, even though most of this work was conducted in previously disturbed areas that became inactive before the implementation of the current State and Federal reclamation regulations.

If you have any questions, feel free to call me at (435) 865-3040.

Sincerely,

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Mining Engineer

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